

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 3, 1738.

From the London Gazette, July 29.

Vienna, July 23.

**O**N the 21st Major General Count Preising arrived here with the agreeable News, That the Turks having on the 5th attacked part of the Imperial Army beyond Meadia, had been repulsed with great Loss; the Particulars as follows, viz. That the Great Duke of Tuscany having Advice that the Turks who had retired from Orlova, had been reinforced with 20,000 Men, and were returning thither, resolved that the Army should return to their old Camp at Meadia. Being arrived there, the Great Duke viewed the two Forts at Meadia, and put a Captain with 100 Men into the lesser Fort, and Col. Bernklaw with 650 into the greater. The Tents were hardly begun to be set up, when C. Preising informed that the Turks appeared in great Numbers designing to attack us: Upon this Felt Marshal Philippi moved with four Regiments of Horse nearer to the Army, and drew up in order of Battle within 1000 Paces of the great Fort. C. Preising at the same time retired in good order and joined the Felt Marshal. Mean time the Turks, advancing with Expedition, attacked with great Fury the little Fort of Meadia, which they carried after some Resistance, and cut the Garrison to Pieces; but the Colonel of the Regiment of Francis Lorrain hastning up with six Companies of Grenadiers, drove them out of the Fort. The Turks endeavoured thrice to retake it, for which end they made surprising Attempts, leaping into the Ditches and climbing over one another to reach the Parapet, but were each Time beat off with great Loss. Seeing they could not win the Fort, they fell with great Vigour on the six Regiments of Horse commanded by M. Philippi: He received them with the utmost Bravery, and repulsed them in their several Attacks; And General Neuperg coming speedily to his Assistance with two Brigades of Foot and some Companies of Grenadiers, the Turks were soon broke, put to flight, and pursued as far as the Desiles, where many of them were killed. Prisoners report, that their Army consisted of between 30 and 40,000 Men, commanded by three Bashaws of three Horse Tails, and the Seraskiers

of Widdin and Nissa. Our Loss is about 1200 Men killed or wounded; but that of the Turks is much more considerable, for above 3000 of them were found before the Fort of Meadia, and in the Fields. We took one Horse Tail, 33 Colours, one of the Janizaries Drums, two Pair of Kettle-Drums, and a great Booty in Arms and Horses. The C. de Sonnaü Captain of Grenadiers, and Major Grumbkaw, were killed, as were also the Captain and Lieutenant of a Troop of Grenadiers of the Regiment of Dragoons of Savoy, with almost all the Grenadiers of that Troop. Major General C. Charles Palfi, the Colonels Przofski, the Count Lamberg, and the Count de Solar Lieut. Colonel, were wounded, as also several Captains and other Officers.

From the Evening-Posts, July 29.

Petersburg, July 6. Her Czarian Majesty has appointed Count Douglas a General in Chief.

L O N D O N, July 29.

The Lords of the Admiralty have sat twice a Day this Week, and sent frequent Messages to the Secretary of State. On Wednesday a Trial is to be made at Woolwich of the Mortars that are to be put on board the Ketches designed to be sent to Admiral Haddock. 14 Men of War were Yesterday commissioned, all from 50 to 70 Guns; and all the subaltern Officers appointed.

Yesterday was a Grand Council at the Cockpit on extraordinary Affairs, relating to the present Juncture: The many Councils that have been held, and the hastning the Equipment of all the Squadrons, have given Occasion to sundry Reports, all centring in this, that we are at the Brink of a War, which appears very plainly from the sinking of the Stocks. Mean time our W. India Merchants are sending Instructions to their ~~Ships~~ in these Parts how to behave; and the E. India Company design to send a light Ship to their Factories, with Orders to their Ships to proceed only to the Cape of Good Hope; and to wait till they can come home with the Dutch. Commodore Matthews has kissed the King's Hand, being appointed to command a Squadron for the W. Indies.

All Conversation is turned upon the present Po-

posture of Affairs; and particularly what should have occasioned such mighty Preparations as to bespeak an immediate War. But the *Gazette* of this Night is entirely silent on the Subject; for which, no doubt, there are weighty and good Reasons. Stocks have not yet fallen but 4 p. cent.

There are now 86 Ships of War in Commission. And 'tis said a Proclamation will be issued for recalling all our Seamen out of foreign Service. And it is strongly talked, that the King of Spain has sent his categorical Answer to this Court; and that the same is greatly disapproved of.

Yesterday there was a Rumour on Exchange, that 20,000 Spaniards had actually invested Gibraltar.

We hear that Orders are sent to all the Lords Lieutenants of Counties for impressing Men for the Sea-Service. The Watermens Company have Orders to furnish 1000 Men, which they promise to do in a short Time. And 'tis said an Embargo will be laid on all Shipping, for transporting Troops to the Mediterranean.

Several outward-bound Vessels who had lately fallen down the River, have returned to Town, their Men having been impressed. And we hear the Parliament will meet before Christmas.

It is impossible to express the Joy which appeared among the generality of People yesterday, upon the Hopes of a War with the Spaniards, to revenge the Robberies, Murders and Insults committed on the British Subjects for Years past.

Yesterday Colonel Martin Bladen fell from his Horse near Bellsound, and broke his Thigh.

#### EDINBURGH, Aug. 3.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Gordon arrived here from the North, for a few Days. And

Yesterday between 3 and 4 after Noon, the first Stone of the New ROYAL INFIRMARY of this City was laid, in the following Manner.

The Lord Provost, Magistrates and City Council, preceded by the City Sergeants, and Mace, walked in Procession from the Council-chamber to the Ground where the Foundation was dug: Immediately after them walked in a Procession the Free and Accepted Masons, in their proper Cloathing, and Jewels, in the following Order.

1. The Servants of the several Lodges of this City and Neighbourhood.
2. Such Brethren as did not belong to the Grand Lodge walking by Threes.
3. The Lodges as they stand inrolled; the youngest walking first by Threes, the Master supported by his Wardens.
4. Officers of the Grand Lodge.

5. The 9 Stewards by Threes.

6. The Secretary with his Clerks.

7. The Treasurer with his Purse.

8. The Grand Wardens.

9. The Grand Master attended by those Brethren of Distinction, who did not represent any particular Lodge.

The President and College of Physicians walked in a Procession from their own Hall.

The Surgeons from their Hall, and with them several of our Judges, the Dean and many of the Faculty of Advocates, Writers to the Signet, the Presbytery of Edinburgh, several of the Incorporations, and a great Number of Persons of Quality and Distinction.

When the Company came to the Ground, the Grand Master and his Brethren of the free and accepted Masons, surrounded the Plan of the Foundation hand in hand: Then the Grand Master, Master Mason of the Work, and the Preses of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary, coming to the East-corner of the Foundation where the Stone was to be laid, placed the same in its Bed; the Rt. Hon. the Lord Provost having first laid a Medal under it, each in their Turns giving 3 Strokes upon the Stone with an Iron-mallet, which was succeeded by 3 Clarines of the Trumpet, 3 Huzzas, and 3 Claps of Hands.

Several Societies and Persons of Condition made large Contributions upon this Occasion for carrying on the Work, Gentlemen Proprietors of Stone-quarries have made Presents of Stones, others of Lime, Merchants have given considerable Parcels of Timber, the Wrights and Masons have contributed largely, the Farmers in the Neighbourhood have agreed to carry all Materials gratis, the Journeymen Masons are to contribute their Labour, in furnishing each a certain Quantity of hewn Stones. And as this Undertaking is for the Relief of the Diseased, lame and maimed Poor, even the Day-labourers employed have agreed to work a Day in each Month gratis.

So much Money is already raised by voluntary Contribution, to carry on this so useful and necessary a Work; and there appears such a Spirit in Persons of all Ranks to encourage it, that 'tis not doubted but the Building may be finished without the least Encroachment upon the capital Stock. After this Ceremony was over, the Magistrates, attended by a great many of the Company, returned to the Butrow-room, where they drank the Healths of his Majesty, Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family, Prosperity to

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the Royal Infirmary, the Healths of the several Societies, and others Contributors to this good Work, and other proper Healths.

A considerable Sum was collected for the Workmen employed in this laudable and pious Undertaking.

This Night, Ladies are to contribute to this Building by an Assembly, which will be well attended.

Tuesday last David Young of Gilmeadowland, after being assilzied from the Crimes of Fire-raising and cursing his Parent, humbly moved the High Court of Justiciary to drop the other libelled Crimes; and upon his Majesty's Advocate agreeing to the Motion, his Petition was granted: But was carried back to Prison till 5 after Noon; when their Lordships sent for him, and he was assilzied simpliciter from the Bar: But as he was going off, the Jailor secured and recommitted him for his Fees; hereupon the Lords sent again for him and the Jailor, and told the latter, That tho' he had a Right of Retention, yet that Right did not extend to seizing any Person without the Verge of the Prison, and dismissed him once more. But he had afterwards a very severe Race with some Messengers and their Concurrents from the Parliament-cloze to the Abbey-strand, where after having distanced them, he turned about, bid them Defiance, and took the Benefit of the Sanctuary.

We having been misinformed as to some Circumstances of the Affair depending between the Magistrates and Town-council of this City, and Isabel Gordon Widow of the late Capt. Porteous, related in our *Mercury* of the 31st July last, have thought fit to give a more exact and true Narrative of the Matter, which was as follows: The Court of Exchequer, in Lammas Term last, posterior to Notice given to the Lord Provost and Magistrates of this City, that the said Court would be moved, that the Forfeiture of 2000 l. Sterling, by the Corporation of the said City, might be paid out of their Common Good, to his Majesty, by the Magistrates and Town-council of the said City, and the same thereafter applied to and for the sole Use and Benefit of the said Widow, in Pursuance of the Statute in this Behalf made and provided, after hearing of Council for the said City, (who declared that the Magistrates, &c. were ready to make Payment, upon receiving proper Directions for that Purpose) ordered Process of *Disfringas* to issue against the said Magistrates, and requiring their Appearance in the Exchequer in the said Term: Whereupon they having duly

appeared, and by their Council made no Objection to the Payment of the aforesaid Debt; it was ordered by the Barons on the 25th Day of the said July, "That the said Magistrates and Town-council of the said City of Edinburgh, upon being duly served with such their Order, do accordingly pay into the Hands of the Receiver-General of his Majesty's Land Rents and Casualties, the aforesaid Sum of 2000 l. who was likewise ordered immediately thereafter, to pay the said Sum unto Capt. Porteous's Widow, or her Assigns." We are sorry that in the above-mentioned Paragraph, 31st July last, some indecent and offensive Expressions escaped us, with respect to the Widow of the said Capt. Porteous, the same having proceeded from Mistakes.

### ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Publisher of the *Caledonian Mercury*.

Whereas James Chalmers, Printer in Aberdeen, did, by a Mistake, insert in the *Aberdeen's Almanack* for the current Year, "That all the Markets belonging to Sir WILLIAM GORDON of Lesmore were to be Custom free for seven Years:" You will advertise in your weekly Papers next to be printed, that it is only Linnen and Woollen Cloths, Stockings and Horses, that are to be Custom free for seven Years, but that every thing else brought to said Markets is to pay Custom as formerly; and all the three Markets are to be holden at the usual Time in *Sloch* in *Drumblate* Parish. In Witness whereof, I have signed this Presents at *Newton* this 19th Day of July 1778 Years.

WILL. GORDON.

\* \* \* Whoever wants the Loan of 800 l. Sterli. may get Notice of it from the Master of the Laigh Coffeehouse in Edinburgh.

\* \* \* That the GAME upon the Grounds of *Saughtonhall*, *Westerbails*, *Reidhouse*, and *Saughton*, is to be preserved. Whoever shall be found hunting on the said Grounds with Dogs, Guns or Nets, without Consent of the Proprietors in Writing, shall be prosecuted with all Rigour; certifying to all the Tenants, Cottars, or others there, that can inform against any Offenders so as they may be convicted, that they shall be sufficiently rewarded.

\* \* \* That upon Wednesday the 24th of August inst. betwixt the Hours of 4 & 5 of the Clock after Noon, there is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale in the House of Christopher Alexander in Greenfield, opposite to Castle-barn, in the Way to the Colt bridge; The HOUSES and YARD of GREENFIELD, holding Fen of a Subject. The Writing Rental and Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of Alexander Young Writer, at his Chamber opposite to the Lucken-booths; and the Rental and Conditions of Roup to be seen at the House of the said Christopher Alexander.

\* \* \* That the annual FAIR for Black Cattle, Horses, Sheep, &c. which used to be held at Tullibardine the third Wednesday of August, is for this Year and in time coming to hold the 26th Day of August; and if it happen to be Sunday, the Market is to be held the Day after.

N.B. Custom free.





**By ADJOURNMENT,**

¶ The **COAL-WORK** at **WATERSTOUN**, in the Shire of Linlithgow, belonging to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Hopeton, lately possessed by the deceased Adam Boyle Merchant in Borrostonness, with the fine Machine erected by the said Adam Boyle upon the said Coal for drawing the Water therefrom, and whole Materials thereof, and all the other Materials of the said Coal work; Are to be sett by the said Earl, with Consent of the Creditors of the said Adam Boyle, to the Term of Martinmas 1742, free of any Tack-duty, and for five Years thereafter, for payment of a small yearly Tack duty, in the same Manner, and upon the same Conditions that the said Adam Boyle possessed the said Coal-work, by publick Roup, in the House of Mrs. Stewart Vintner in Kirkliston, upon Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August inst. betwixt the Hours of 12 & 2, to the highest Bidder; and the Machine and Materials are to belong to the Tackman, or highest Bidder, at the Expiration of the said Tack. The Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Brodie Writer in Edinburgh, and the Machine and other Materials at the said Coal-work, about two Miles from Kirkliston.

N. B. By a late Breach of the Water, the Coal is quite dry, and become Level free.

¶ That there is to be rouped and sold by voluntary Roup, within the Tolbooth of Dunfermline, upon Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September next, between the Hours of 11 & 12 Forenoon, by virtue of the Lords of Council and Session their Warrant, that pertained to the deceased William Black Clerk to the Regality of Dunfermline; A **LARGE DWELLING-HOUSE**, consisting of 12 Fire rooms, besides Closets and Pantries, a Kitchen, Brewhouse, 3 large vaulted Cellars, a large Stable and other Office houses, with a large Garden, and an Inclosure that grazes a Cow and a Horse, lying at the East end of the Maygate of Dunfermline; and a large Dwelling-house, and 40 Fats of a Yard at the Back thereof, lying within the East-port of the said Burgh. The Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of John Macfarlane Writer to the Signet, and the Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of William Black Clerk of the Regality of Dunfermline any Day betwixt and the Roup.

**By ADJOURNMENT,**

¶ That the Lands of **Balnash**, paying of yearly free Rent and rental'd Presents, L. 103 : 17 : 4 Scots, with 3 Bolls Bear and 3 Bolls Meal; The Lands of **Balcree**, paying of yearly free Rent and rental'd Presents, L. 150 : 6 : 8 Scots, with 8 Bolls Bear and 8 Bolls Meal; The Lands of **Airyleman**, paying of yearly free Rent and rental'd Presents, L. 246 : 13 : 4 Scots; The Lands of **Graig**, paying of yearly free Rent, L. 152 : 11 : 0 Scots; The Lands of **Neiber-Clenry**, paying of yearly free Rent, L. 177 : 13 : 4 Scots; The Lands of **Auchingaly**, paying of yearly free Rent and rental'd Presents, L. 101 : 17 : 4 Scots, and one Boll Meal; And the Lands of **Chilcarroch**, paying of yearly free Rent and rental'd Presents, L. 86 : 0 : 8 Scots, and one Boll Meal; the whole Visual b. of Gal-loway Measure; all holding of the Crown, and lying within the respective Parishes of Sorbie, Whithorn, Old Luce, Inch and Mochrum, and Sheriffdom of Wigton: Are to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, either jointly or separately, within the House of James Maxwell Innkeeper in Wigton, upon the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of August inst. betwixt the Hours of 12 and 1 at Noon. The Rental of the Lands, Progress of the Writs and Articles of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Robert Dalrymple Writer to the Signet, and the Articles of Roup and Rental in the Hands of Alexander Ross Writer in Glenluce and John Dun Writer in Wigton, at any Time before the Sale.

**LEITH RACE.**

That upon Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August inst. His Majesty's Plate of a Hundred Guineas Value is to be run on the Sands of Leith, the best of three Heats, by a Horse, Mare or Gelding not exceeding six Years old & Grass, their Ages to be certified under the Hands of 1 Breeders, who are to make Affidavit before a Justice of Peace. The Horses to run for this Prize are to carry Stone English, Saddle and Bridle included, to be booby by the Town clerk of Leith, and shewn upon Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of August inst.

N. B. The other Articles of said Race to be seen in Hands of Alexander Home Town clerk of Leith.

¶ That the voluntary Roup and Sale of the Land and Estate of **KINSTER**, advertised to the third Tuesday of July last, is prorogated to the first Tuesday December next, in the Laigh Coffee-house of Edinburgh betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 Afternoon. The Rent Progress and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in Hands of Thomas Watson Writer to the Signet.

N. B. The Creditors of James Sutherland of Kinfe are desired to give in a Note of their Debts to the said Thomas Watson.

¶ That the Town of **PERTH** have provided with the Town-cloze of said Burgh, Cellars, Lofts, and other Conveniencies for a Corn-market, which is to begin up Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August inst. and to be holden up every Friday thereafter. All Grains brought to the said Market are to be free of Custom and other Dues.

For the Diversion of the Company present when the King Plate is run for on the Sands of Leith on the 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. inst.

Three Prizes, given by the Magistrates of Leith, are bestowed for by any Fishing or Ship Boat, (debarring Norway Skiffs and Pinnaces) each Boat to have four Oars not exceeding two Men to each Oar, and one at the Helm all in white Shirts. The Boat that returns first to the Cr will receive one Guinea, the second half a Guinea, and the third a Crown. They are to set off immediately after Dinner, and two Boats will be placed at a considerable distance, the one above, the other below the Beacon, Marks which they are to turn; by which means the Company will have a full View of the Diversion. No boaring; if so, the Offenders to have no Prize. — Wh Money shall be collected from the Spectators will be distributed amongst the Rowers according to their Merit.

¶ That the Lands and Barony of **KIMMERGHAM** comprehending the Mains of **Kimmergham**, the Lands **Bilshiell** and **Kingslaw**, **Dunsteel**, **Middlestons**, **Alice-fel**, **Sinclairhill**, **Reidbeugh**, and the Inclosures about the House with the East and West Mills thereof, and other small Possessions, lying in the Parish of Edrom and Shire of Berwick, being of yearly free Rent L. 537 : 2 : 1 Scot holding Blanch of the Crown, which were formerly exposed to Roup at L. 125,035 : 7 : 11 Scots; Are, by Order of the Lords of Session, to be again exposed to publick Roup and Sale, before the Ordinary on the Bills for the Time within the Parliament house, upon Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August inst. at 10 o'clock before Noon, at L. 126,240 Scot Money. The Rental, Progress of Writs, and Condition of Roup to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Gibson Deputy clerk of Session.

N. B. There is no Valuation put upon the House ne Planting, which is to a great Extent; and the Purchase is to have Retention of the Price of the Teinds, and Annual rents thereof, conform to two Decrees of Sale; and his Entry to the whole to be as at Whitfunday last.